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Excellency,

In my capacity as Special Rapporteur for Follow-up to Concluding Observations of the Human Rights Committee, I have the honour to refer to the follow-up to the examination of the first periodic report of Angola.

At the end of its 107th session, the Committee transmitted its concluding observations to your Permanent Mission. You may recall that, in paragraph 26 of the concluding observations, the Committee requested the State party to provide within one year further information on the specific areas of concern identified in paragraphs 7, 10 and 23 of the concluding observations.

On 24 June 2014, the Committee received the reply of the State party. At its 112th session, held in October 2014, the Committee analysed this information and adopted the following decisions:

- Paragraph 7: **[C1]**: Additional information is required regarding whether the State party intends to revise the Law on the Ombudsman to ensure that it fully complies with the Paris Principles, or if the State party intends to establish a new national human rights institution that complies with the Principles.
- Paragraph 10: **[B1]**: The Committee commends Angola for adopting legislative measures to better protect women against violence, including the executive plan to fight against domestic violence and the presidential decree that regulates the Law 25/11 against domestic violence. It requires, however, information on the implementation and impact of such legislative measures.

[B2]: The Committee notes the statistical information provided but requests updated statistical information on cases of violence against women, including domestic violence, and investigations, prosecution and punishment of perpetrators in the last three years (2012, 2013 and 2014). The Committee also requests additional information on the progress of the study currently being carried out to identify and examine the cultural, religious and social factors that favour violence against women. Please also provide information on the functioning and impact of the department on domestic violence created within the National Directorate of Criminal Investigation.

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[C1]: On measures of protection and prevention, the Committee notes that no information was provided on measures taken after the adoption of the Committee's concluding observations on 27 March 2013. It requires additional information on measures taken or envisaged to be taken to protect and prevent gender-based violence. Please report on the number of shelters created or envisaged to be created and measures taken to improve the services provided for the rehabilitation of victims.

[C1]: Concerning the awareness-raising campaigns on the issue of domestic violence, the Committee notes that no information was provided on campaigns carried out after the adoption of the Committee's concluding observations on 27 March 2013. Additional information is required on the UNITE initiative and on any other campaign carried out after 27 March 2013.

- Paragraph 23: [A]: The Committee welcomes the adoption of the Presidential Decree 80/13 and the Executive Decree 309/1 on free birth registration and free identification card for all children and adults and hopes that this measure will continue beyond 31 December 2016.

[B1]: Additional information is required on:

(b) awareness-raising campaigns on birth registration procedures after the adoption of the Committee's concluding observations on 27 March 2013; and

(c) measures taken to improve the official system of birth registration, since the adoption of the Committee's concluding observations on 27 March 2013.

During the 113^h session of the Committee, held in Geneva in March 2015, the Committee noted that information sought by the Committee had not yet been provided. Therefore, I write to request that the above-mentioned additional information be submitted at Your Government's earliest convenience.

The next follow-up report of the Human Rights Committee will be adopted in October 2015. If the State party wishes the information referred to be taken into account on that occasion, the reply should be sent in a Word electronic version to the Secretariat of the Human Rights Committee by 1 **August 2015** (Kate Fox: kfox@ohchr.org and Fernanda Santana: fsantana@ohchr.org).

The Committee looks forward to pursuing its constructive dialogue with the authorities of Angola on the implementation of the Covenant.

Please accept, Excellency, the assurances of my highest consideration.

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